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Vetra Store
Wenona
private

c. 1870

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. **S-374**

Magi No. 2003745511

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Vetra Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West side of Deal Island Road (MD 363) ☐ not for publication

city, town Wenona ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jack Parkinson

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Wenona state and zip code MD. 21870

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Old Vetra Store stands on the west side of Deal Island Road (MD 363) in the center of the water-oriented community of Wenona, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story late nineteenth-century frame store faces north with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the two-story, three-bay frame store was built in the same form as a cross gabled dwelling. Now sheathed with asphalt shingles, the center hall building is covered with a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back (south) end of the front block is a two-story, two-bay rear wing.

The north three-bay facade is a symmetrical elevation with a center entrance. There are no window openings to either side. The second floor is lighted by three boarded-over sash windows, and the outside two windows have bracketed hoods. The cross gable is pierced by a pointed arched sash also trimmed with a heavily molded lintel.

The east side of the house faces the road with an asymmetrical elevation of door and window openings. A side entrance provides access to the front block, and two-over-two sash light each floor. The upper gable end is marked by a smaller sash window. The eaves extend slightly over the gable end wall. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing with a separate first floor entrance and six-over six sash windows. A plain boxed cornice finishes the base of the roof, and the south gable end flush. From an exterior analysis it appears the rear wing may be the oldest section.

A recently erected two-story section of smaller dimensions has been attached to the south end of the rear wing. Old materials such as turned posts were used to construct a double tiered porch.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Centrally located in Wenona, the Vetra Store survives as one of the few nineteenth-century buildings along the waterfront. Although abandoned, the store building has not been seriously altered aside from an artificial layer of siding. Combined with its use as a store, the house-like structure served as a boarding house as well.

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East Elevation

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Norht Elevation

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North elevation

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